

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, November 1, 1999 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debates.

## Committee Meetings

### INCREASING DISCLOSURE TO BENEFIT INVESTORS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Increasing Disclosure to Benefit Investors, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 887, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require improved disclosure of corporate charitable contributions; and H.R. 1089, Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Y2K CONTINGENCY AND DAY 1 PLANS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on Y2K Contingency and Day 1 Plans: If Computers Fail, What Will You Do? Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO; John Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; John Dyer, Principal Deputy, SSA; Marvin J. Langston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, C31 and Year 2000, Department of Defense; John M. Gilligan, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; Paul J. Cosgrave, Chief Information Officer, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and Norman E. Lorentz, Senior Vice President, Chief Technology Officer, U.S. Postal Service.

## Joint Meetings

### FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

*Conferees,* on Thursday, October 28, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 900/H.R. 10, bills to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1219)

H.R. 1663, to designate as a national memorial the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor. Signed October 28, 1999. (P.L. 106-83)

H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions. Signed October 28, 1999. (P.L. 106-84)

H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000. Signed October 29, 1999. (P.L. 106-85)

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 1 through November 6, 1999

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3064, District of Columbia Appropriations. Also, Senate may resume consideration of H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act, or may resume discussion of S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3064, District of Columbia Appropriations, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur at 10 a.m. Also, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 2325 to H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act, and vote on the motion to close further debate on the bill (H.R. 434).

During the balance of the week, Senate will consider any cleared legislative and executive business, including conference reports, when available.

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Special Committee on Aging:* November 4, to hold hearings on certain initiatives to improve nursing home quality of care, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Armed Services:* November 3, to hold hearings on lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

November 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; and the nomination of

John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 2, to hold hearings on the World Trade Organization, its Seattle Ministerial, and the Millennium Round, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 4, to hold hearings on local phone competition, examining how to increase consumer choice in local telephone markets, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 2, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the recent announcement by President Clinton to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

November 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 3, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings to examine solutions to the policy concerns with respect to Habitat Conservation Plans, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 2, to hold hearings on the nomination of Avis Thayer Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control; Robert J. Einhorn, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Non-proliferation; J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service with the Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; Craig Gordon Dunkerley, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of Service as Special Envoy for Conventional Forces in Europe; and Norman A. Wulf, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be a Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-419.

November 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charles Taylor Manatt, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, 2 p.m., SD-419.

November 2, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine extremist movements and their threat to the United States, 3 p.m., SD-419.

November 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

November 3, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings to examine issues in promoting United States interests, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to Chechnya, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future United States policy with Nigeria, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 5, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the International Monetary Fund, 11 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* November 3, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* November 3, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 4, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources on S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands; and S. 1315, to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 2, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

November 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine public interest's concerning government lawsuits, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

November 2, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy judgeship needs, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn Building.

November 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relating to the MCI Worldcom/Sprint merger, 10 a.m., SD-266.

## House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services,* November 3, Special Oversight Panel on Department of Energy Reorganization, hearing on the implementation of provisions in Title 32 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

November 4, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the report of the United States Commission on National Security/21st Century, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* November 3, to mark up H.R. 1095, Debt Relief for Poverty Reduction Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 4, to mark up H.R. 21, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1999, 10:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* November 2, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1954, Rental Fairness Act of 1999; H.R. 887, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require improved disclosure of corporate charitable contributions; and H.R. 1089, Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 3, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Spamming: The E-Mail You Want To Can, focusing on the following

bills: H.R. 3113, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999; H.R. 2162, Can Spam Act; and H.R. 1910, E-Mail User Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 4, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Problems with EPA's Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 4, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on WTO 2000: The Next Round, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, November 3, to mark up the following: H.R. 1693, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities; a measure to amend the Welfare to Work Program; and a measure to exempt certain reports from automatic elimination and sunset pursuant to the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, November 2, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up H.R. 2376, to require agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, time to be announced, 2154 Rayburn.

November 3, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Providing Adequate Housing: Is HUD Fulfilling Its Mission? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 4, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Project Exile: A Case Study in Successful Enforcement, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, November 3, hearing on Recent Developments in U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 4, hearing on The Cuban Program: Torture of American Prisoners by Cuban Agents, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, November 2, to continue mark up H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999, and to mark up H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 3, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2533, Fairness in Telecommunications License Transfers Act of 1999; H.R. 2636, Taxpayer's Defense Act; and H.R. 2701, Justice for MAS Applicants of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, November 2, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1680, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest; H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 1969, Arizona National Forest Improvement Act of 1990; and H.R. 3089, to provide for a comprehensive scientific

review of the current conservation status of the northern spotted owl as a result of implementation of the President's Northwest Forest Plan, which is a national strategy for the recovery of the species on public forest lands, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 3, full Committee, oversight hearing on a proposal by the Administration directing U.S. Forest Service to promulgate regulations regarding roadless areas within the National Forest System, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 4, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: S. 548, Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site Act of 1999; H.R. 1668, Loess Hills Preservation Study Act of 1999; and H.R. 2278, to require the National Park Service to conduct a feasibility study regarding options for the protection and expanded visitor enjoyment of nationally significant natural and cultural resources at Fort Hunter Liggett, California, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 5, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing to examine the affects on living marine resources from dredged material disposal or placement in the New York Bight, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, November 2, to consider the following: conference report to accompany S. 900, Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999; and H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, November 4, Subcommittee on Technology, and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Y2K Myths and Realities: Responding to the Questions of the American Public with 50 Days Remaining Until January 1, 2000, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, November 2, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on H.R. 2373, Start-Up Success Accounts Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

November 3, Subcommittee on Empowerment and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Business Opportunities and Special Small Business Problems, joint hearing on The Aging of Agriculture: Empowering Young Farmers to Grow for the Future, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

November 4, full Committee, hearing on Defense Contract Bundling Policy, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, November 3, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Coast Guard's search and rescue mission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

November 3, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Harbor and Inland Waterway Financing, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

November 4, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on EPA Grants Management, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, November 4, hearing on the Administration's new Social Security plan, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, November 3, executive, hearing on Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information: Scope and Seriousness of the Problem, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

November 4, closed, briefing on North Korean Strategic Thinking: One Analyst's View, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: November 3, to hold hearings on the Chechen crisis and its implications for Russian Democracy, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn Building.